

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 24, 2016

10:00 a.m.

This service is being broadcast over radio station WATN 1240

* Indicates that those who are able may stand.

GATHERING

GATHERING Music

May Jesus Christ Be Praised!
I Need Thee Every Hour
Jesus Saves

Carl Bingle, FPC Organist
Barnsby, arr. Page
Lowery, arr. Ness Beck
Kirkpatrick, arr. McDonald

GREETING

Peace be with you.
And also with you.

PRELUDE AND CHORAL INTROIT

Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord

Elliott/based on Mendelssohn

HANDBELL INTROIT

Come Christians, Join to Sing!
Beginning Handbells

Traditional

CALL TO WORSHIP ~ adapted from Psalm 19

Leader: The earth spins and flies on its course.
The great lights appear and disappear
When darkness and light yield to the other.

People: **So is the path before us; both light and dark.**

Even though the light shines, we flee;
Even though order is clear we seek chaos.
Our faults and foolishness snag our soul.
Take from us the weight of transgression.
The silence of creation is enough knowledge.
In the order of life, we see truth and justice;
In the providence of God, we see mercy.

The fear of the Lord will yield wisdom.

The Lord has spoken in priest and prophet;
The law has come and the law abides.

There is a sweetness and peace

When chaos flees and we live in freedom.

**Let the words of our mouths and pleas of our heart
Be sacrifice made worthy by the work of our hands.**



Arlene Wilson, Shane McWayne, Gerda Barbour, Irene Kolton, and for the sick and those who need God's comfort.

Prayer Help Available. Please call the church office at 782-1750 if you have a prayer request. Your confidential prayer request will be put on the First Pres. Prayer Chain. Only those requesting public prayers are included for prayers in our church bulletin.

Zikomo - Thank you!

The members of the Board of Directors of the Widows' Fund are humbled by the generosity of this congregation. \$3,878.00 was raised on Christmas Eve. These funds go directly to the programs in Malawi with the widows and the children at the Clint McCoy Feeding Center.

Offering Envelopes are available on a table in the Academy Street Entrance (between the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall) for you to pick up. If you do not see your name on any of the boxes, please call the church office; and we will get them out by the next Sunday or you can come in and pick them up during the week.

***HYMN #391**

Take My Life

HENDON

INVITATION TO REPENTANT PRAYERS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of creation, restore the order of the first days. Let us see and know the light that is separated from darkness. For in this we see truth and goodness and justice. Remove the darkness we keep; take from us the shadows where we hide. Forgive our fears and pettiness. Let us find courage in humility. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSIONAL PRAYERS

WORDS OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS

. . . in Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

In Jesus Christ you are also forgiven.

***GLORY BE TO THE FATHER**

Gloria Patri - Hymnal 579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

LITURGIST WELCOME

THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Job 31:24-40 (Old Testament, page 478 in pew Bibles)

ANTHEM

Write Thy Name Upon My Heart

Sally DeFord

John Willaman, soloist; Phyllis Elmer, piano

(Jesus, Savior of mankind, teach me charity unfailing. Endow my soul with loving kindness. Teach me tolerance and meekness, make me even as Thou art. Make me a messenger of peace, write Thy name upon my heart.)

CHILDREN'S TIME

(At this time we invite all K-7th graders to join us for Sunday School, please have children follow the teacher thru the door on the left. Children will meet parents in Fellowship Hall after the service.)

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;

Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

SECOND READING

Luke 4:1-13 (New Testament, page 61 in pew Bibles)

SERMON

“The Solitude of Common Ground”

Rev. Dr. Fred Garry

***HYMN (see insert)**

I Need Thee Every Hour

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY

Living Water, Guiding Spirit
Chancel Choir

Joseph Martin

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SENDING

***HYMN #404**

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

PRECIOUS LORD

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

THE POSTLUDE

Psalm 19

Marcello, arr. Caudill

Benedetto Marcello set the Psalms to music in the 18th century.

The music echoes today's Call to Worship.